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Egypt postage stamp 1914:

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## SOUTH AFRICA

# Postal history and postage stamps of Nieuwe Republiek (New Republic)

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### Introduction

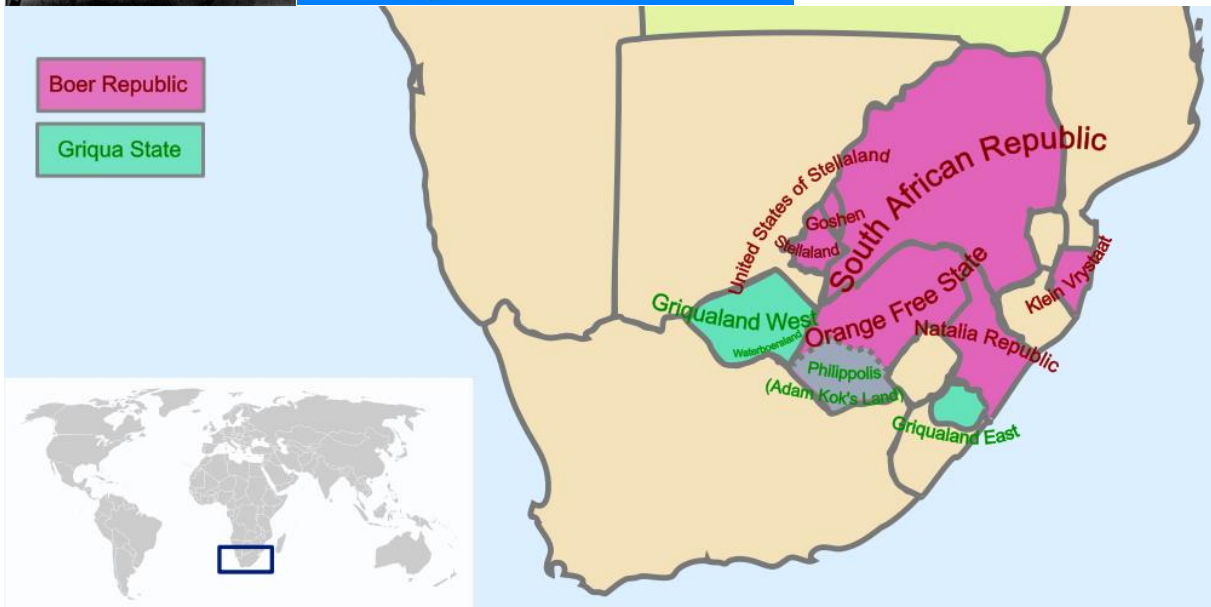
Nieuwe Republiek

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nieuwe\\_Republiek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nieuwe_Republiek)

The **Nieuwe Republiek** ("New Republic") was a small **Boer republic**, which existed from 1884 to 1888 in present-day **South Africa**. The **Nieuwe Republiek** or legally **Nieuwe Republiek Zuid Afrika** (New Republic in **Dutch**) was a **Boer Republic** which enjoyed international recognition by Germany and the Zuid Afrikaanse Republic, proclaimed on August 16 of 1884 with land donated by the **Zulus** through a treaty. It had 13,600 km and the capital was **Vryheid** or **Vrijheid** (Freedom in **Afrikaans** or **Dutch**), alternative name of the state. The founder and president until it requested incorporation by Transvaal on 20 July 1888 was **Lucas Johannes Meijer** ( 1846 - 1902 ), as Secretary of State acted in the same period **Daniel Johannes Esselen** ( 1851 - 1919 ).



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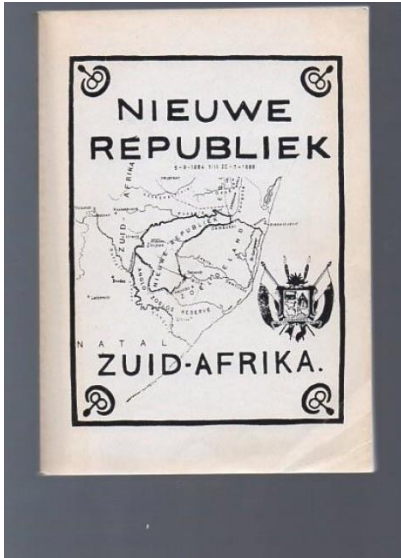
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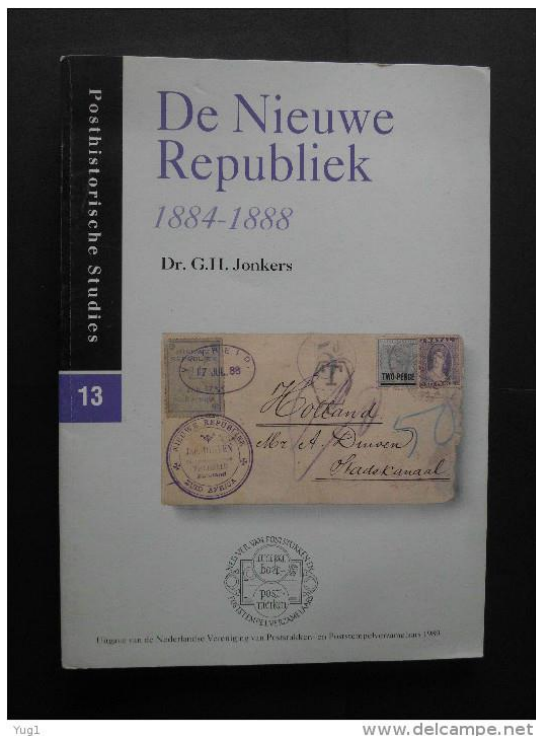
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Michel Katalog Süd- und Zentralafrika (2007), p. 924 Neue Republik.

Value	1886 yellow paper, with date	1886 grey paper, with date	1886/87, with imprinted figure in yellow paper, with date	1887, with imprinted figure in grey paper, without date
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2d	Nr 2 (9/1/1886+)	Nr 21 (24/1/1886+)	Nr 39	Nr 58
3d	Nr 3 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 22 (13/10/1886+)	Nr 40	Nr 59
4d	Nr 4 (30/8/1886+)	Nr 23 (24/5/1886+)	Nr 41	Nr 60
6d	Nr 5 (21/5/1886+)	Nr 24 (24/5/1886+)	Nr 42	Nr 61
9d	Nr 6 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 25 (6/9/1886+)	Nr 43	-
1Sh	Nr 7 (30/8/1886+)	Nr 26 (7/3/1886+)	Nr 44	-
1/6	Nr 8I (30/8/1886+)	Nr 27I (13/10/1886+)	Nr 45	-
1s6d	Nr 8II (6/9/1886+)	Nr 27II (2/7/1886+)	-	Nr 62
2Sh	Nr 9 (30/8/1886+)	Nr 28 (21/5/1886+)	Nr 46	-
2/6	Nr 10I (13/1/1886+)	Nr 29I (19/8/1886+)	Nr 47	-
2s6d	Nr 10II (20/2/1886+)	Nr 29II (19/8/1886+)	-	-
3sh	-	-	Nr 48	-
4Sh	Nr 11 (17/1/1886+)	Nr 30 (17/1/1887+)	Nr 49	-
5Sh	Nr 12 (Jan 1886+)	-	Nr 50	-
5/6	Nr 13I (20/2/1886+)	Nr 31I (13/1/1886+)	Nr 51	-
5s6d	Nr 13II (20/2/1886+)	Nr 31II (13/1/1886+)	Nr 51	-
7/6	Nr 14I (13/1/1886+)	Nr 32 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 52	-
7s6d	Nr 14II (24/5/1886+)	-	-	-
10Sh	Nr 15 (6/9/1886+)	Nr 33 (Jan 1886+)	Nr 53	-
10s6	Nr 16I (Jan 1886+)	Nr 34II (2/7/1886+)	Nr 54	-
10s6d	Nr 16II (7/1/1886+)	Nr 34I (7/1/1886+)	-	-
12sh	-	Nr 35 (13/1/1886+)	-	-
13Sh	Nr 17 (24/11/1886+)	Nr 36 (17/1/1886+)	-	-
1£	Nr 18 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 37 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 55	-
30Sh	Nr 19 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 38 (13/1/1886+)	Nr 56	-

According to: [http://catalogue.klaseboer.com/vol1/html/s\\_afnew.htm](http://catalogue.klaseboer.com/vol1/html/s_afnew.htm)

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- 6 p lilac see below, without date
- 9 p lilac see below, with date
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- 4 Sh lilac see below, without date
- 5 Sh lilac see below, with date
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- 7/6 Sh lilac see below, with and without date
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- 12 Sh lilac NOT YET FOUND
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Dates on illustrations below



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7 JAN 86: 10s6d  
13 JAN 86: 2/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10s,  
JAN 20 86: 1d  
10 FEB 86: 1d  
20 FEB 86: 5/6  
7 MAR 86: 1d, 5s  
24 APR 86: 1d  
21 MAY 86: 1s  
24 MAY 86: 1d, 2d, 1s  
JUN 30 86: 1d  
2 JUL: 86: 10s6  
3 JUL 86: 10s  
JUL 7 86: 1d  
19 AUG 86: 2/6  
30 AUG 86: 9d  
6 SEP 86: 1d, 4d, 1s, 1s6d, 2/6  
13 OCT 86: 2d, 3d, 1s, 2/6  
3 NOV 86: 1d  
20 NOV 86: 1d (forgery)  
24 NOV 86: 2d, 3d, 2s, 30s  
DEC 86: 4d  
2 DEC 86: 2d  
4 JAN 87: 1d, 13s  
7 JAN 87: 30s  
13 JAN 87: 5/6, 7/6

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### Postage stamps 1886-1887



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[http://stampforgeries.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/New\\_Republic\\_1\\_Genuine3.jpg](http://stampforgeries.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/New_Republic_1_Genuine3.jpg); Genuine, double impression.

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Also see: <http://stampforgeries.com/forged-stamps-of-new-republic/>





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<http://sparks-auctions.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/150743b.jpg> “Lot 625 New Republic #3, 6, 12 1886 3d, 9d and 5s Numerals, 9d is mint hinged, dated “30 AUG 86” and accompanied by 1978 Royal Philatelic Foundation certificate and accompanying SG card states “showing clear doubling of impression”, small corner fault. The 3d dated “13 OCT 86” used with numeral 232 (Cape of Good Hope) grid cancel on Stanley Gibbons card and 5s dated “\_ JAN 86” with violet oval cancel. Overall fine. Scott CV\$188”.



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### **The New Republic (Vrijheid) after 1887**

In 1888 Vrijheid/the area of the New Republic became part of Z. Afr. Republiek, later (British) Transvaal, and after 1903 part of Natal.



<http://i309.photobucket.com/albums/kk398/johnthebarrel/johnthebarrel060/27814-1.jpg>; Vrijheid?

“..is an octagonal squared circle from Vrijheid in this case date 19 Aug 90”.

but probably not all agreed?



<https://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=44479>: "I vaguely think seen this before but have no clear recollection. Presumably it is a cinderella or a spurious emission , perhaps by a "bittereinder" group. The postmark is unclear but could conceivably be Vryheid".

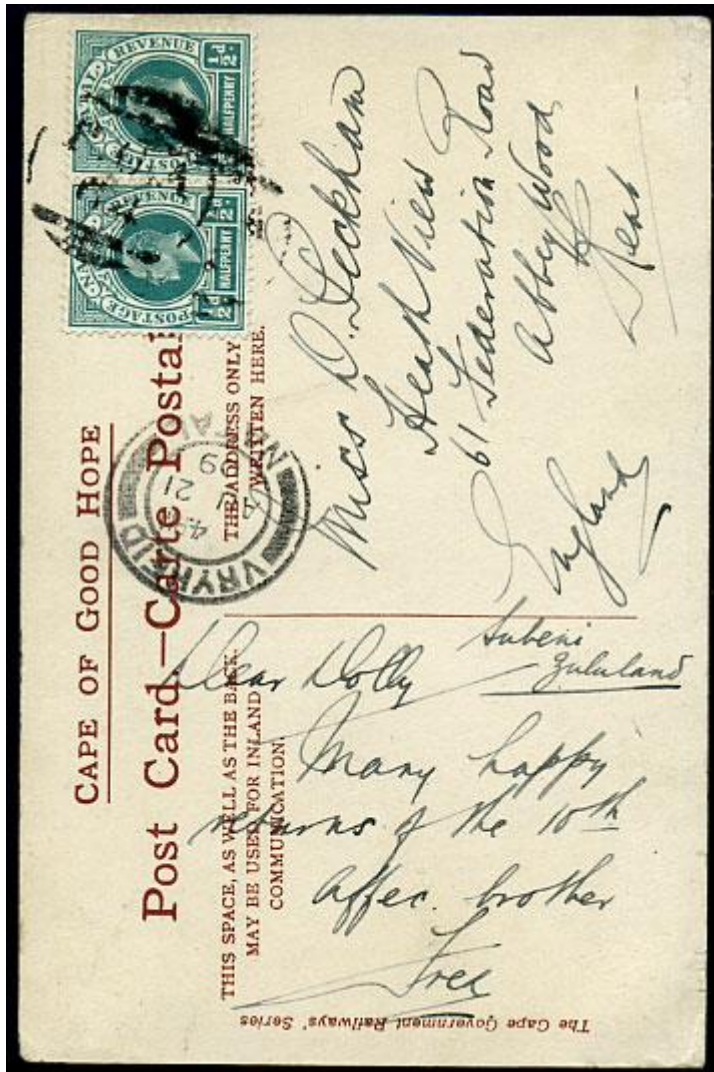
**Explanation in Dutch:** "Bittereinders zijn de Afrikaners (of Boeren) die na de Britse verovering van Pretoria en Bloemfontein in de Tweede Boerenoorlog (1899-1901) de strijd nog niet wilden opgeven. Zij wilden doorvechten tot het bittere einde. Uiteindelijk tekenden zij op 31 mei 1902 een vredesverdrag met de Britten". <https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bittereinders>

In 1903 Vrijheid became part of the colony of Natal, under British rule.



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<http://www.michael-hamilton.com/images/NAT44456-1.jpg> "POA 64, Natal postal history. Cape Gov't Railways col. ppc headed "Subeni, Zululand" mailed with pair KE7 ½d to Abbey Wood, Kent, alongside VRYHEID AU 21 09 d/ring."



[http://i1095.photobucket.com/albums/i478/bluegum7/IMG\\_0003-4.jpg](http://i1095.photobucket.com/albums/i478/bluegum7/IMG_0003-4.jpg)